

Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights

Mon. Aug. 15, 2016

Below are highlights from the Aug. 15, 2016 mayor's cabinet meeting, a monthly meeting with the mayor and City commission chairs or their representatives. Please note that this meeting is intended to exchange information on commission activities; no official actions are taken.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Architectural Commission (AC) – Chair Gidas Peteris

One project was considered at the last AC meeting: the Waldorf Astoria, which will include a terrace and pool deck. It was approved as presented.

Charitable Solicitations Commission (CSC) – Chair Karen Platt

The Commission recently approved 27 financial statements. The City website now has links to permit information, including approved applications and financial statements. A letter from the Office of the Police Chief appears to have had a positive effect; since the CSC, in response, has since received 65 financial statements and 32 permit applications. Commissioners are meeting with representatives from the City of Los Angeles solicitations commission to exchange information on fundraisers in their respective jurisdictions; the meetings are going well. No commission meeting will be held in August. The CSC will discuss proposed changes in the Municipal Code at the September meeting.

Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC) – Chair Rebecca Pynoos

The CHC held a very productive joint meeting with the RPC to consider landmark designation for the lawn bowling field at Roxbury Park; they discussed policy and procedures. No other projects are in the pipeline. The Los Angeles Conservancy will hold their October fundraising event at a home in Beverly Hills.

Design Review Commission (DRC) – Commissioner Arline Pepp

Four projects came before the DRC recently. One project was sent back for restudy because the commission found that the design did not fit into the neighborhood; another was rejected because it was too massive and without modulation. There has been an increase in the number of contemporary homes to come before the commission.

Fine Art Commission (FAC) –Chair Alan Kaye

The FAC is still in discussions with Jamie McCourt, who wants to loan the City a sculpture to the City; one issue is finding an appropriate location. The fencing around

the Kusama sculpture is nearly complete. The Kentridge sculpture “World on its Hind Legs” is being shipped to Beverly Hills. The FAC has the support of the Council liaisons to the commission and is now ready to present that the City move forward with the purchase of a sculpture by Tom Friedman.

Health and Safety Commission (HSC) – Chair Lisa Kay Schwartz

National Night Out was held Aug. 2, 2016 and was very successful. This month’s Health and Safety Award went to a blood donor program at Cedars Sinai Medical Center. The commission is also highlighting a wide range of health issues and this month focused on sun safety. The commission is working with the Fire Department to distribute decals to pet owners to display in their front or back doors, or front or back windows alerting the Fire Department that pets are in the home and may need to be rescued in case of fire.

Human Relations Commission – Chair Karen Popovich Levyn

The HRC chair read the City’s civility statement and encourages all commissions to read the statement before each meeting. A plaque with the statement will be permanently displayed in the commission meeting room. The HRC is now accepting applications for the 2016 Embrace Civility Award program; deadline for nominations is Sept. 30. The HRC continues monthly hearings on tenant/ landlord cases.

Planning Commission (PC) – Chair Joe Shooshani and Vice Chair Lori Greene Gordon

Recent smaller projects to come before the commission include a lunchroom on Beverly Drive (denied because it was too big) and two small apartment buildings. Major projects include the Wanda project at Santa Monica and Wilshire boulevards. The PC is concerned about the cumulative effect of big projects in the area on traffic and is proposing a joint committee meeting to discuss the issue. An ordinance affecting the scale of residential projects in the hillside will be considered by the City Council Aug. 16.

Public Works Commission (PWC) – Chair Dr. Sandra Aronberg

A pilot program to test LED street lighting will begin shortly; feedback from the community is needed. A proposal for sub-metering apartment buildings will be submitted to the City Council soon. The Public Works Department is pursuing grant opportunities to help pay for projects.

Recreation and Parks Commission (RPC) – Chair Frances Bilak

The Thursday night Concerts on Canon have been very successful. The Sunday night movie scheduled for Aug. 28 is “Guardians of the Galaxy.” A safe biking program for children will be held every Saturday from 9-10:30 a.m. at Hawthorne school. Police will be in attendance the last Saturday of the month to help instruct children in safe bike-

riding techniques. The program is for children aged 3-8, who have bikes, helmets and parents who have signed liability waivers. The first program will be August 27. City owned trees in Trousdale will be trimmed after notice has been sent to all involved residents. It likely will be discussed at the September meeting.

Traffic and Parking Commission (TPC) – Chair Jake Manaster

High profile sports cars are speeding and revving engines on Rodeo Drive and elsewhere in the City; more enforcement is needed. Main issues before the commission include the N. Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction project. Public meetings are scheduled to discuss traffic mitigation for Santa Monica Boulevard project; one issue to be decided is whether to temporarily remove parking meters on S. Santa Monica Boulevard and provide parking options elsewhere. Another issue is traffic congestion in southwest Beverly Hills due to nearby construction in Beverly Hills and Century City.

Mayor's Report

The new building at Horace Mann School opened this weekend. The next phase is to restore the old building. The campus ultimately will provide more open space.

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